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SUBJECT: CURRENT PLANS FOR ARAB LEAGUE MINISTERIAL MEETING

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SUMMARY: ARAB LEAGUE WILL PROBABLY MEET IN CAIRO SEPTEMBER 12 AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. END SUMMARY.

1. OVER LAST FEW DAYS PRESS HAS CARRIED REPORTS, NOT ALL OF THEM CONSISTENT, ABOUT WHERE, WHEN, AND IN WHAT FORM ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL WILL NEXT MEET. AHAM AND GUMHURIYYA REPORTED THAT SEC GEN RIAD'S CONTACTS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES SHOWED THERE WAS SUPPORT FOR HOLDING A FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN NEW YORK "IN LATE SEPTEMBER." A SECOND ACCOUNT HAD IT THAT SYRIA WAS REQUESTING THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING BE POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 19. STILL ANOTHER REPORT STATED THAT LEBANON, MOROCCO, UAE AND SUDAN SUPPORTED HOLDING THE ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IN KHARTOUM.

2. TO CLARIFY SITUATION, POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON EGYPTIAN AMB TO ARAB LEAGUE TAHSIN BASHIR. BASHIR SAID THAT AFTER MUCH PULLING AND HAULING BETWEEN EGYPT AND REJECTIONISTS, WITH SUDANESE AND SAUDIS IN THE MIDDLE, IT NOW SEEMED LIKELY THAT ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL WOULD MEET IN CAIRO SEPTEMBER 12 AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. SUDANESE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO PARTICIPATE OUTSIDE CAIRO, AND HAD ACCORDINGLY AGREED NOT TO HOLD MEETING IN KHARTOUM. BASHIR SAID HE EXPECTED 17 ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO ATTEND IN CAIRO-- ALL BUT THE REJECTIONISTS. WHETHER THEY WOULD ALL SEND CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS WAS ANOTHER MATTER. SINCE FONMIN KAMEL AND MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI MIGHT WELL NOT BE BACK FROM CAMP DAVID, SOME COUNTRIES (HE MENTIONED SAUDI ARABIA IN PARTICULAR) MIGHT ELECT TO BE REPRESENTED AT A LOWER LEVEL. BASHIR SAID IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHO WOULD REPRESENT EGYPT IF KAMEL AND BOUTROS GHALI HAD NOT RETURNED.

3. AS FOR REPORTS OF A MEETING IN NEW YORK, BASHIR SAID THE ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GET TOGETHER AFTER THE OPENING OF THE UNGA, BUT THIS WOULD IN NO SENSE BE A FORMAL ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING. ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY FOUNDATION TO NEWSPAPER STORIES THAT THE SIX-MEMBER ARAB LEAGUE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE PLANNED TO CONVENE SOON, BASHIR SAID THERE WAS NOT. WHETHER AND WHEN THAT COMMITTEE MET AGAIN WOULD DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF CAMP DAVID. EILTS

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